

**GERMAN
UNIVERSITY
SPORTS
FEDERATION**







FISU
WORLD
UNIVERSITY
GAMES
SUMMER

6 cities

10.533 volunteers

from **117** countries

65.829 overnight stays

9200 athletes and officials

1.200.000 visitors

23 sport venues

Legacy of the FISU World University Games,
focusing on the **Dual Career**
of **Student-Para-Athletes**



Starting point

Para disciplines at the 2025 FISU Games

Winter Games

- **Para Alpine Skiing male/ male**
- **Giant Slalom vision impaired female / male**
- **Giant Slalom standing female / male**
- **Giant Slalom sitting female / male**
- **Super G vision impaired female / male**
- **Super G standing female / male**
- **Super G sitting female / male**

Summer Games

- **3x3 wheel chair**

Rank	Country	Team
	 ESP	Spain
	 GBR	Great Britain
	 USA	United States of America
4	 JPN	Japan
5	 GER	Germany
6	 BRA	Brazil
7	 BUL	Bulgaria

Women's Wheelchair		
Rank	Country	Team
	 GER	Germany
	 ESP	Spain
	 USA	United States of America
4	 BRA	Brazil



Inclusion and Parasport Achievements

In 2025, adh set important milestones for inclusive structures in University Sports.

- Inclusive Winter Sports Camp & 3x3 Basketball Camp as key preparations
- Strong team-building between para- and non-para-athletes
- Valuable exchange between coaches and support staff
- Winter Games Turin 2025: 9 athletes → 13 medals + 3 top-8 placements
- Summer Games Rhine-Ruhr 2025: Women's 3x3 wheelchair basketball champions, men placed 4th



TORINO 2025
FISU GAMES



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Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU Games as a platform for several **legacy** topics ...

The Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games marked a milestone for inclusive **University Sport** events in Germany.

- Strengthen visibility and recognition of University Sports
- Improve framework for Dual Careers
- Modernize University Sports infrastructure
- Secure young talent for volunteering and coaching
- Actively promote inclusion and diversity



Sports and Inclusion Summit

Driving Diversity and Participation

The **Rhine-Ruhr 2025 Summit** set forward-looking impulses for inclusion in university sports.

- Joint event by the State Chancellery of North Rhine-Westphalia and adh
- Brought together high-level representatives from para sports, science, and politics
- Result: *Rhine-Ruhr 2025 Initiative Paper* with recommendations for more inclusive major sports events
- Initiative Paper calls for: barrier-free infrastructure, inclusive education, digital access, participatory processes, stronger media visibility





Sports and Inclusion Summit



Rhine-Ruhr 2025 Initiative Paper



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Rhine-Ruhr 2025 Initiative Paper

The Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games Summer send a clear signal for inclusion in the sense of self-determined and equal participation. For the first time in the history of this international multi-sport event, para sport will be integrated into the competition program of the Summer Games with the addition of 3x3 wheelchair basketball. South Korea, as host of the 2027 FISU World University Games in Chungcheong, will continue the Paralympic trend with the introduction of para taekwondo. These decisions are very welcome and mark significant milestones in the development of international university sports. They invite us to constructively support this inclusive approach and to provide further impetus for a sustainable inclusive orientation of future games.

During the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 Sports and Inclusion Summit on July 19, 2025, the relevance of inclusion in and for international university sports was reflected upon in a participatory process together with representatives from the fields of sports, science, and politics. As part of this process, a comprehensive awareness of key international development trends towards a more inclusive understanding of sport was discussed. This *Initiative Paper* is intended as an impetus for the continuous development towards more inclusive FISU World University Games. It is based on a constructive dialogue process and formulates perspectives that can promote a stronger structural embedding of inclusive measures. There is agreement among those involved in this Initiative Paper that promoting inclusion at future FISU World University Games requires a progressive and joint learning process, supported by openness, reflection, and equal, partnership-based cooperation between all those involved, particularly with the inclusion of people with disabilities.

As a top international sporting event, the FISU World University Games offer a central platform for promoting diversity, equal opportunities, and social participation. Against this backdrop, this initiative paper expressly advocates the structural and programmatic integration of para sports into the FISU World University Games. The initial focus on para sports follows a strategic approach to the gradual implementation of inclusive structures at the FISU World University Games.

In this context, the following ideas for the implementation of future FISU World University Games have emerged:

Para sports as part of the competition program

The inclusion of additional para sports opens up opportunities to showcase sporting excellence in all its diversity. The permanent integration of these sports into the Games program contributes to the equal treatment and recognition of different sporting achievements.

Barrier-free event infrastructure

Ensuring conditions that are as barrier-free as possible – both spatially and cognitively – enables unrestricted access to the Games for all athletes and other event participants. Early planning and development of infrastructure standards create a basis for quality in this area.

Awareness raising and education

Inclusive educational formats for volunteers, organizational managers, and other stakeholders help to establish an inclusive understanding in the everyday life of the Games. At the same time, they promote individual personality and skills development. Inclusion must also be taken into account as a cross-cutting issue in the training and qualification of coaches.

Representation and participation

Involving athletes with disabilities, professional associations, and organizations from the inclusion landscape at an early stage helps to identify specific needs and develop practical solutions together.

Sustainable structures

Long-term strategies for embedding inclusive principles in international university sports – even beyond the duration of the Games – ensure continuity and further development.

International cooperation

Closer cooperation within the international higher education and sports community opens up opportunities to learn from each other and transfer best practices, including in the context of the Games.

Innovation and digitalization

Barrier-free digital platforms and innovative technologies create new inclusive support formats and access to the Games – for athletes, spectators, and participants alike.

Media visibility and communication

Inclusive communication, accessible information formats, and the targeted promotion of inclusive achievements in university sports strengthen social awareness and promote recognition.

Participation and voluntary work

An inclusive understanding of voluntary work opens up new opportunities for people with disabilities to play an active role in the long term – both in the organization of the Games and in the wider event environment.

Scientific support and evaluation

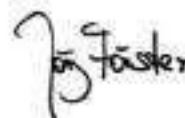
Through scientific collaboration with universities and research institutes, progress is documented, challenges identified, and well-founded recommendations for the implementation of future games derived on the basis of current data analyses.

The experience and insights gained from the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games Summer offer valuable perspectives for the further development of international university sports. They invite us to further exploit the potential of more inclusive university sporting events – in partnership, with reflection, and through international exchange. The ideas formulated in this Initiative Paper in collaboration with the representatives from the fields of sport, science, and politics listed below are therefore intended as inspiration and a compass on the shared path toward a more inclusive world of sport, combined with the overarching goal of establishing a future-oriented and exemplary event format that meets the demands of an inclusive society in sport as well.



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International Outlook

Inclusion has become part of the international university sports agenda.

More disciplines will be included in upcoming FISU Games

- Clear success at FISU Games proves viability of inclusion at elite level
- Preparatory training camps as success factors
- FISU Chungcheong 2027: taekwondo as inclusive parasport discipline
- Next step: long-term establishment of inclusive competitions

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National Competitions and Participation

Parasport has been successfully integrated into national university championships.

- Rowing, athletics, judo, basketball, taekwondo, trampoline
- Expansion beyond international events into broader University Sports
- Deaf athletes in futsal camp as a sign of cross-disciplinary inclusion



Partnerships and Cooperation

Inclusion has become part of the international university sports agenda.

- Close collaboration with DBS (German Disabled Sports Association) & DRS (German Wheelchair Sports Association)
- International: European University Championships in 3x3 & 3x3 wheelchair basketball (from 2029)
- National: Awareness & participation campaigns at German University Championships (from 2026)

Partnerships and Cooperation

As part of the DOSB project “Event Inclusion Manager in Sport” (EVI), Louis Kleemeyer strengthened inclusion within adh and the FISU Games.

- Development of inclusive concepts for German University Championships (DHMs) and organization of educational adh events contributing to inclusion in adh
- Contribution to the FISU Games inclusion team, to ensure participation and an inclusive event experience for everyone.



Resource Needs for Sustainable Inclusion

Successful inclusion requires long-term investment in people and structures.

- Coordination & supervision need full-time specialists
- Training & competition support for para-/non-para-athletes is staff-intensive
- Professional capacity needed for partnerships and international events (e.g., EUC Hanover)
- Permanent reinforcement of personnel is essential to secure Germany's pioneering role



Conclusion

The successes of the 2025 FISU World University Games prove the path is right – now sustainable structures and data are needed.

- Inclusion in university sports is possible, effective, and socially impactful
- Pilot projects must evolve into lasting structures for **DUAL CAREER support**
- Requires focus on inclusion and targeted strengthening of resources
- German University Sport is looking for partners from all around Europe
- ERASMUS+ Sport might be an option to collect data and develop a campaign

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